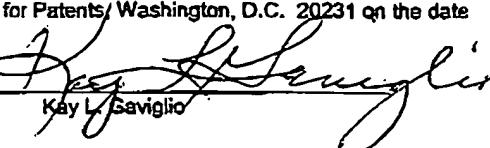


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Wang et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1635
Serial No.: 09/273,957	)	Examiner: Not Assigned
Filed: March 22, 1999	)	
For: Novel Phenol Oxidizing Enzyme	)	
Enzymes	)	

### RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

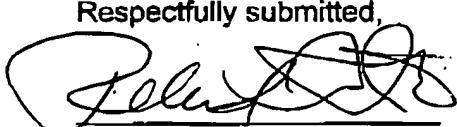
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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's requirement that a single elected species be elected, Applicants hereby elect the invention in Group I, claims 1-17 and 56-58, drawn to phenol oxidizing enzymes, classified in class 435, subclass 189.

Applicants reserve the right to file subsequent applications claiming the non-elected subject matter and do not waive any of their rights or abandon any non-elected subject matter. Applicants have fully and completely responded to the Office Action and have made the required election. This application is now in order for early action.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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